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[Despatch Abstract.]

Wild animals - Conservator College forests - Elephant shot by Mr Moore Reservation of one rusk - Sanctd

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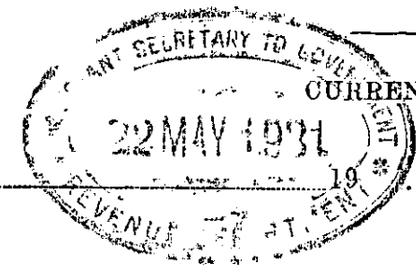

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Subject.

Wild animals- (Coimbatore)- Kollegal forests- Elephant shot by Mr. Morris- Retention of tusks.

ENCLOSURES.
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Reference... No. C 1632/31--2

Station Madras *Dated the* 20th May 1931 19

From A.R. Mac Ewen Esq.,M.C.,I.C.S.,
Secretary,
Land Revenue.
~~The~~ Board of Revenue, ~~Revenue Settlement, etc.~~
~~Separate Revenue.~~

C.A. Souter Esq.,I.C.S.,
~~Resolution~~ Commr.of Land Revenue and Settlement.
Reference.

Read the following:-

Letter from S.H.Slater Esq., C.M.G.,C.I.E.,I.C.S., Collector of Coimbatore, Ref.No.2968/31-D4, dated the 10th March 1931:-

Mr.Morris of Honnametti estate shot and wounded a male elephant on 7th January 31 in the patta land near Bekkatur at the request of the pattadar as the animal was doing considerable damage to crops. The animal fled to the reserved forest near by and subsequently died. On the information given by a maistry of Mr.Morris, the tusks of the elephant were recovered and they are now in the custody of the District Forest officer. The elephant was not proscribed

proscribed. Any pattadar or one duly authorised by him can shoot male wild elephants in the pattadar's land and when an elephant enters into Government land and dies there, the tusks naturally become the property of Government. Even in the cases where proscribed elephants are shot by licence holders, one of the conditions of the order is that they should surrender the tusks, if required by the Government.

Generally, the tusks of the elephant are permitted to be retained as a trophy, by a licence-holder, for his labour and energy in aiming at the animal. I recommend that Mr.Morris may be permitted to retain the two tusks in this case.

II

Board's reference thereon No. C 1632/31-1, dated the 3rd March 1931:-

The Collector of Coimbatore is requested to report the size and weight of the tusks and their approximate value. He is also requested to state whether Mr.Morris shot any male elephants other than rogues before and whether he was permitted to retain their tusks.

III

Letter from S.H.Slater Esq., C.M.G.,C.I.E.,I.C.S., District Magistrate, Coimbatore, Ref.No.2968/31-D4, dated the 22nd April 1931:-

Board's reference C No. 1632/31-1, dated 23rd March 31.

The size and weight of the tusks and their approximate value are noted below:-

	Size.	Weight.	Approximate value.
Left tusk	3' 10"	18 lbs.	Rs.144-0-0 at Rs. 8 per lb.
Right tusk.	3' 4".	15 lbs.	Rs.120-0-0 do

2. Mr. Morris has never shot any male elephants other than rogues before 7th January 31.

Reference.-

Submitted to Government.

2. The Board recommends that Mr.Morris may be permitted to retain the two tusks of the elephant shot by him.

for Secretary. 21-5-

To the Secretary to Government,

Revenue Department.

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Revenue department.

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Previous papers.

G.O.309 Rev.dt.14-2-29.
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Wild animals - (Coimbatore) - Kollegal forests - Elephant shot by Mr. Morris of Honnametti estate - Retention of tusks.

From the Board of Revenue, L.R & S., Ref.No.C.1632/31-2. dated 20-5-1931.

To U.S.

The Collector of Coimbatore has reported that Mr. Morris of Honnametti estate shot and wounded a male elephant on 7-1-1931 in the patta land near Bekkatur at the request of the registered holder of the land as the animal was doing considerable damage t crops. The animal fled to the reserved forest nearby and subsequently died. The tusks of the elephant are now with Mr. Morris. The elephant has not been declared a 'rogue' and the case may be considered to fall under the saving clause in section 6 of the Wild Elephants Preservation Act I of 1873. The Collector has recommended that Mr. Morris may be permitted to retain the tusks of the tusker shot by him. The Board of Revenue has supported the Collector's recommendation.

2. Reference is, in this connection, solicited to the notes to G.O.No.1145 Rev., dated 24-7-1925. In the case dealt with in that G.O., it will be observed that the Government were not inclined to allow the successful shot more than one tusk although it was pointed out that it was the first elephant shot by him. Mr. Morris on the other hand appears to have enjoyed the gifts on previous occasions. The Board of Revenue in its endorsement No.C.8576, dated 27-10-1928, stated that Mr. Morris was granted two pairs of tusks on two occasions presumably for having shot animals notified to be rogue elephants. In G.O.No.309 Rev., dated 14-2-1929 Mr. Morris was

ain allowed to have the concession for having shot a proscribed animal. Following the precedent in G.O.No. 1145 Rev., dated 24-7-1925 it is for consideration whether r. Morris may be allowed to retain one of the tusks and he other sold in auction if he is not willing to pay the rice. The remarks of the Development department may lso be invited u.o.

K.S.V.
27-5-31.

Following the precedent at (E)---G.O.1145 ev., dated 24-7-1925---one tusk may be granted free to r. Morris, and he may be given the first refusal of the ther on payment.

Development may see for remarks.

1-6-1931.

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The proposal at A above
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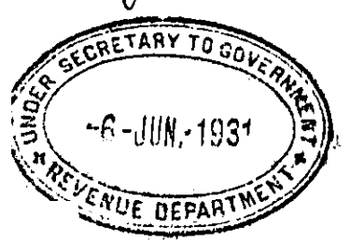

Revenue Dept

To A.S.

Please see this dept's note at Pg 1-2 and the Dev. Secys note at p 2 above. A draft order is submitted for approval.

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READ ALSO :—

C. No. 1727/31 From the Board of Rev. dtd. Rep; No. C 1632/31-2 dated 20.5. 1931

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ORDER.

No. 1297 dated 16-6- 1931

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Dpt. 15/6.

The Govt. permit Mr. Morris of Nonnametti estate to retain free of Charge one tusk of a elephant Shot by him on 7.1.31 and direct that he should be given the first refusal of the other tusk on payment of its full value before it is put up to auction.

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Dpt's initials

Date 192

Yes 9/6/31

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Copy to the Board of Rev. dtd.

Copy to the Development Dept. on 9/6/31

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